

FY 2000 State Budget Highlights:

- The FY 2000 base General Fund revenue estimate is \$1,708.4 million. This represents a 5.2% growth rate over FY 1999 revenue.
- The current FY 2000 General Fund revenue estimate is \$25.6 million higher than the July, 1999 estimate.
- FY 2000 General Fund expenditures are projected to be \$1,683.3 million. This represents a 4.5% growth rate over FY 1999 General Fund expenditures.
- FY 2000 began with a \$46.6 million General Fund balance and should end with a \$56.1 million balance.
- The Governor's budget differed from the Legislature's in the amount of FY 2000 General Fund surplus to earmark to the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF).
 - The Governor recommended transferring \$54.0 million to the BSF in FY 2000. This would have raised the BSF's balance to \$90.0 million which is 5.0% of the General Fund budget. No additional transfer would have been needed in FY 2001.
 - The Legislature provided no transfer to the BSF in FY 2000. However, two bills became law that will impact the BSF in FY 2001.
 - * HB 569 changes the formula for determining the amount to transfer from the General Fund to the BSF. With the current revenue estimate, it will result in transferring \$17.1 million in FY 2001.
 - * Section 3 of HB 819 transfers \$17.0 million from the BSF to the American Trucking Association Settlement Fund. Section 5 of the bill provides for the repayment of up to the full \$17.0 million, but only if the FY 2000 unexpended and unencumbered General Fund balance exceeds the current estimate of \$56.1 million.
 - Because of the surplus eliminator feature of HB 819, it will be July before it is known whether the BSF's current balance of \$36.0 million will increase or not.

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- The FY 2001 base General Fund revenue estimate is \$1,780.9 million. This reflects 4.2% growth over the current FY 2000 estimate.
- FY 2001 should begin with a General Fund balance of \$56.1 million and end the year with a \$3.1 million balance.
- It provides for a \$17.1 million transfer to the Budget Stabilization Fund (HB 569).
- There are a total of 18 bills that collectively provide \$34.8 million in ongoing tax reductions. HB 802a, which provides \$29.0 million in income tax relief, is the largest.
- Four other bills provide \$22.0 million in additional General Fund revenue. Most of these represent moving current revenue from dedicated funds to the General Fund and are ongoing in nature. \$14.6 million is ongoing money.
- FY 2001 net General Fund revenue, which takes into account all adjustments, is estimated at \$1,807.1 million. This reflects an increase of 5.8% over FY 2000 base revenue.
- FY 2001 General Fund appropriations total \$1,804.0 million, an increase of 7.2% over FY 2000 estimated expenditures.
- The Governor recommended that all tobacco settlement money be placed in a trust fund and only the investment earnings be spent. The Legislature responded by creating the Idaho Millennium Fund and the Idaho Millennium Income Fund in SB 1296. The Millennium Fund is a trust fund that will be invested by the State Treasurer. Earnings are distributed to the Millennium Income Fund for spending. HB 789 appropriated \$2.3 million from the Income Fund in FY 2001 largely for smoking cessation efforts.